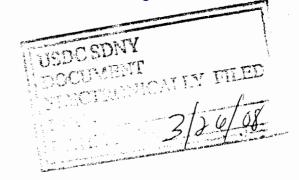
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March 26th, 2008

The Honorable Judge Gabriel W. Gorensstein United States Magistrate Judge United States District Court 500 Pearl Street 10007

> James Lastra v. Columbia University 07civ.7479 Re: Request for an enlargement of time

Dear Judge Gorenstein:

I am the Plaintiff pro se in the above entitled action. I write to apprise the Court that Plaintiff is in need of an enlargement of time to complete his reply to Defendant's counsel Laura Barbieri's late opposition to plaintiff's Motion to strike due to extenuating circumstances. My reply is due on March 30th, 2008. .

Due to my health problems, overwhelming financial burdens and the fact that I just began just began working a minimum wage job which is taking up a good portion of my time, I would respectfully request that the Court be lenient and consider granting an additional fifteen (15) days for me to complete my reply - April 14, 2008. Plaintiff attempted to reach Ms. Barbieri in accordance with your Honor's individual practices but was told by her secretary that Ms. Barbieri is out of town attending a conference.

cc: Laura Barbier. Esq. of Schoeman, Updike of Kaufman LLP. (2121 661-5030

Respectfully Submitted,

James Lasti

Plaintiff Pro se

arated. No future extension.